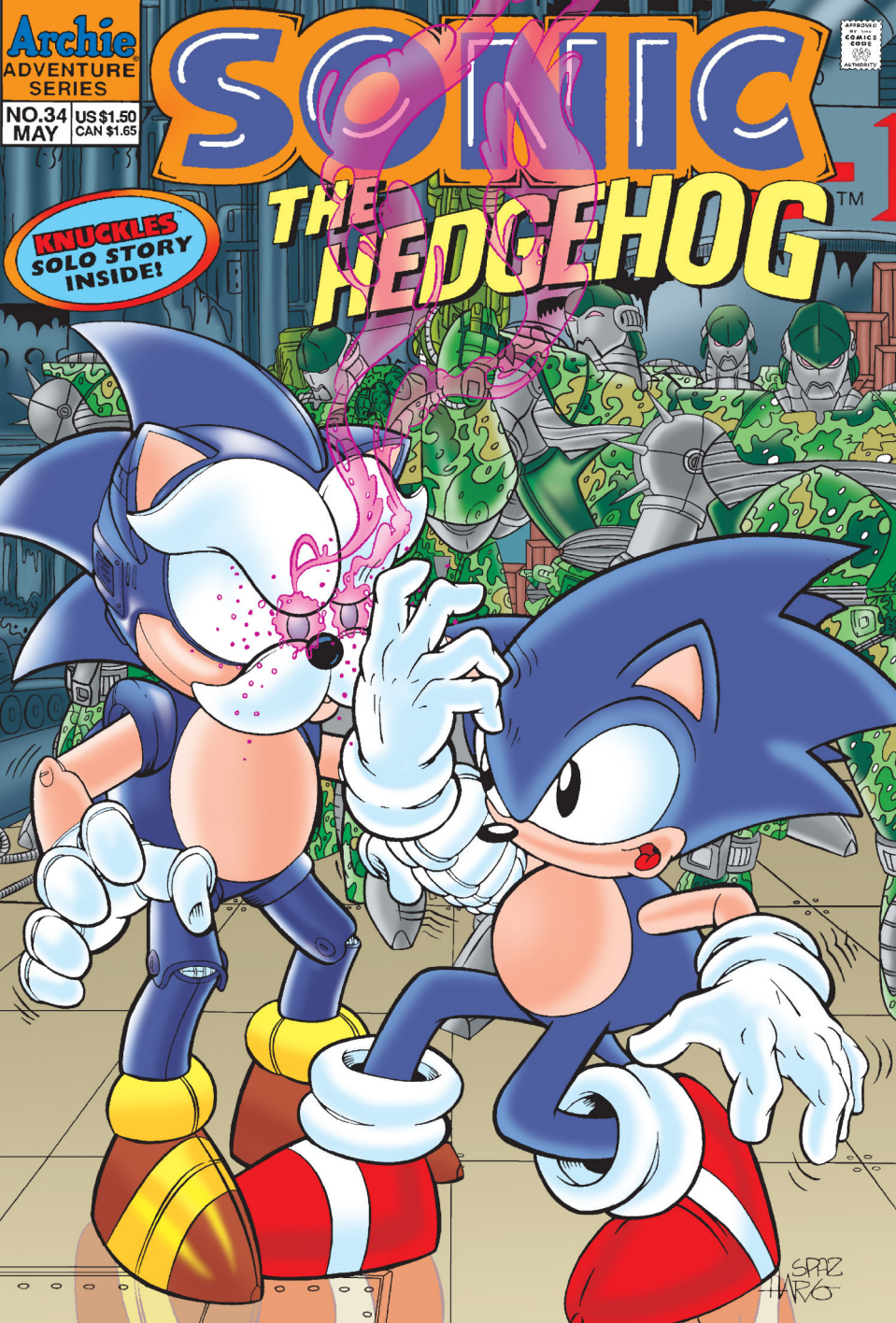
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FFRRRRRZZZZZZAAPP!!
I CAN'T LOOK! TELL ME WHEN IT'S OVER!
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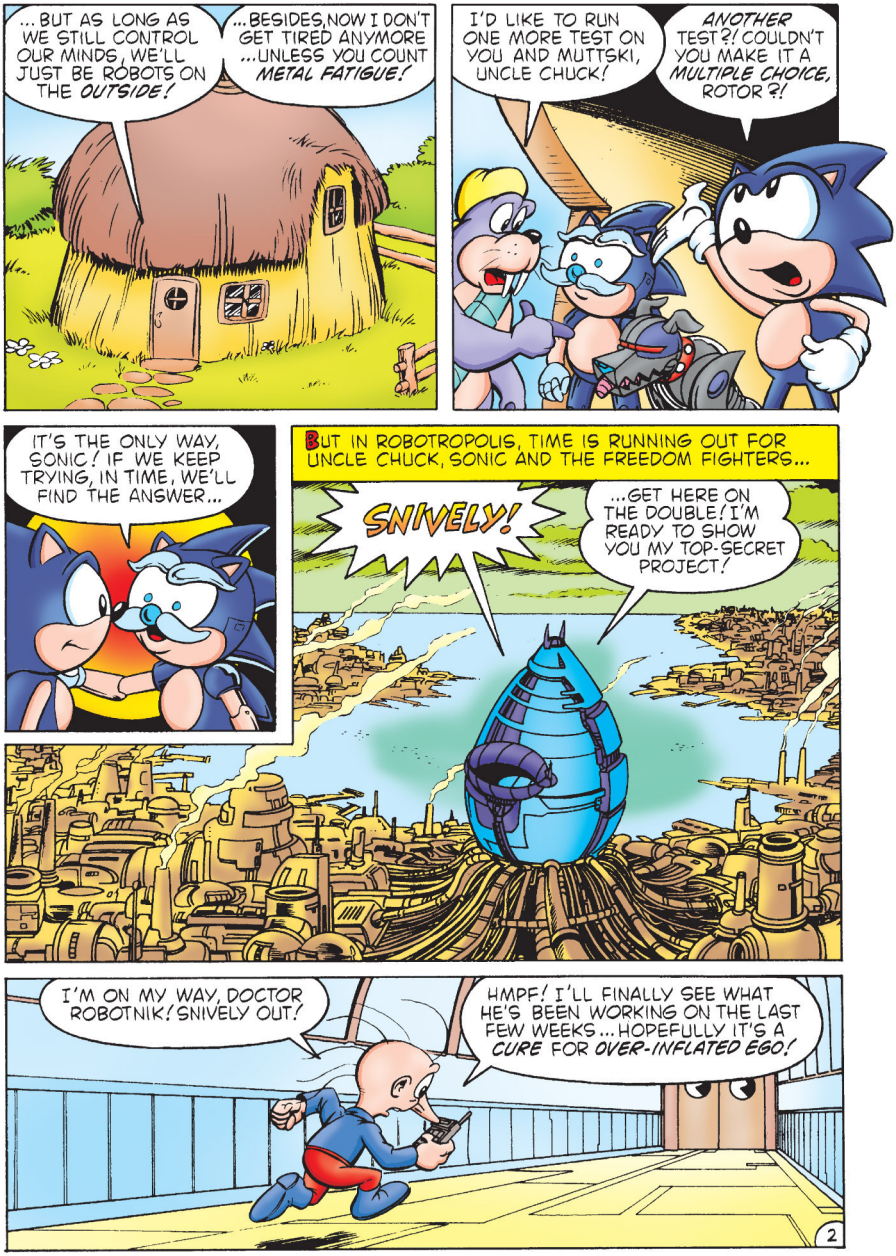
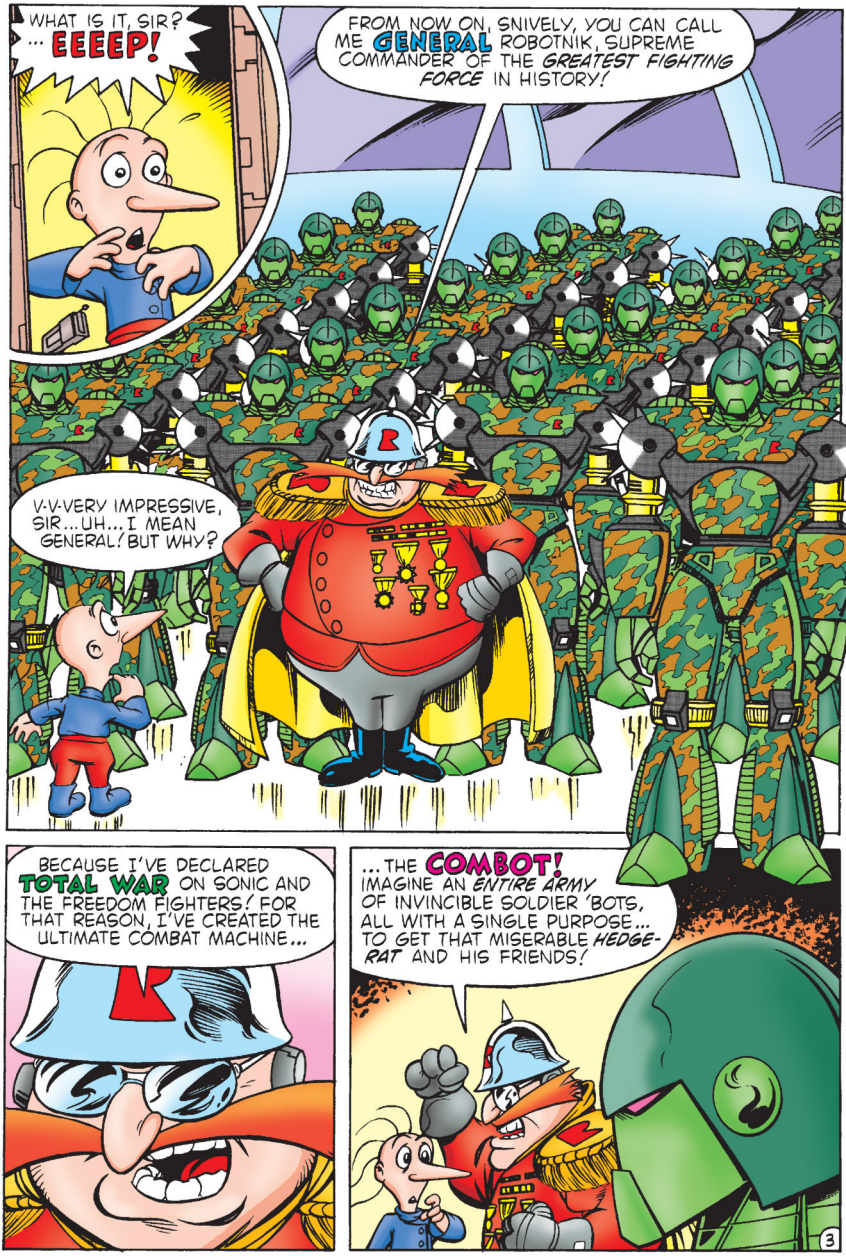
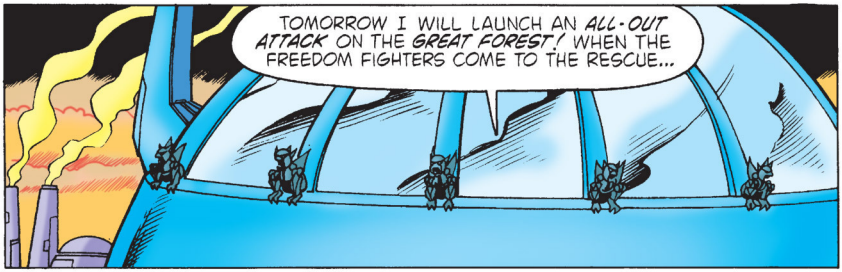
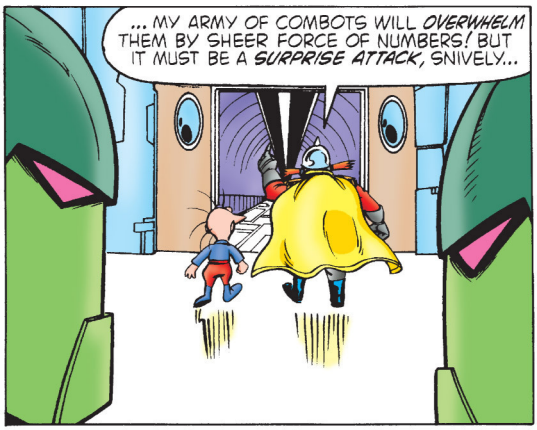
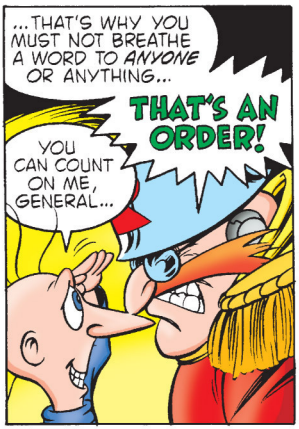
SORRY, SONIC! THE DE-ROBOTICIZATION PROCESS DIDN'T WORK! UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI ARE STILL ROBOTS!
OH, MAN!
ROBOTNIK'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DE-ROBOTICIZE US NOW, NEPHEW...

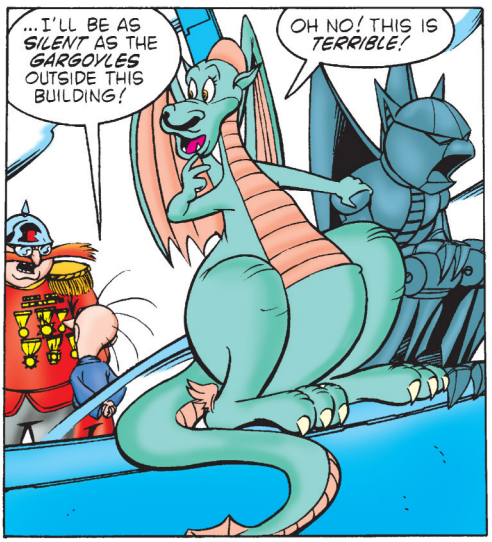

...BUT AS LONG AS WE STILL CONTROL OUR MINDS, WE'LL JUST BE ROBOTS ON THE OUTSIDE!
...BESIDES, NOW I DON'T GET TIRED ANYMORE ...UNLESS YOU COUNT METAL FATIGUE!
I'D LIKE TO RUN ONE MORE TEST ON YOU AND MUTTSKI, UNCLE CHUCK!
ANOTHER TEST?! COULDN'T YOU MAKE IT A MULTIPLE CHOICE, ROTOR?!
IT'S THE ONLY WAY, SONIC! IF WE KEEP TRYING, IN TIME, WE'LL FIND THE ANSWER...
BUT IN ROBOTROPOLIS, TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR UNCLE CHUCK, SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS...
SNIVELY!
...GET HERE ON THE DOUBLE! I'M READY TO SHOW YOU MY TOP-SECRET PROJECT!
I'M ON MY WAY, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! SNIVELY OUT!
HMPF! I'LL FINALLY SEE WHAT HE'S BEEN WORKING ON THE LAST FEW WEEKS... HOPEFULLY IT'S A CURE FOR OVER-INFLATED EGO!

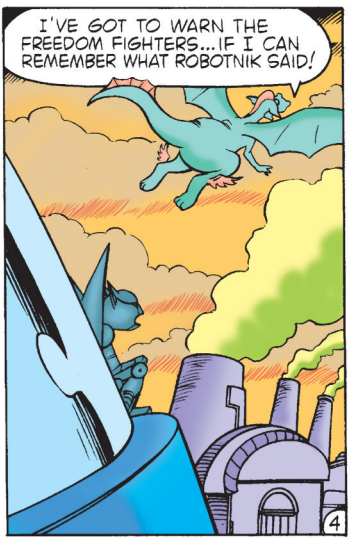

WHAT IS IT, SIR? ... EEEEP!
FROM NOW ON, SNIVELY, YOU CAN CALL ME GENERAL ROBOTNIK, SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE GREATEST FIGHTING FORCE IN HISTORY!
V-V-VERY IMPRESSIVE, SIR... UH... I MEAN GENERAL! BUT WHY?
BECAUSE I'VE DECLARED TOTAL WAR ON SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! FOR THAT REASON, I'VE CREATED THE ULTIMATE COMBAT MACHINE...
...THE COMBOT! IMAGINE AN ENTIRE ARMY OF INVINCIBLE SOLDIER 'BOTS, ALL WITH A SINGLE PURPOSE... TO GET THAT MISERABLE HEDGE-RAT AND HIS FRIENDS!

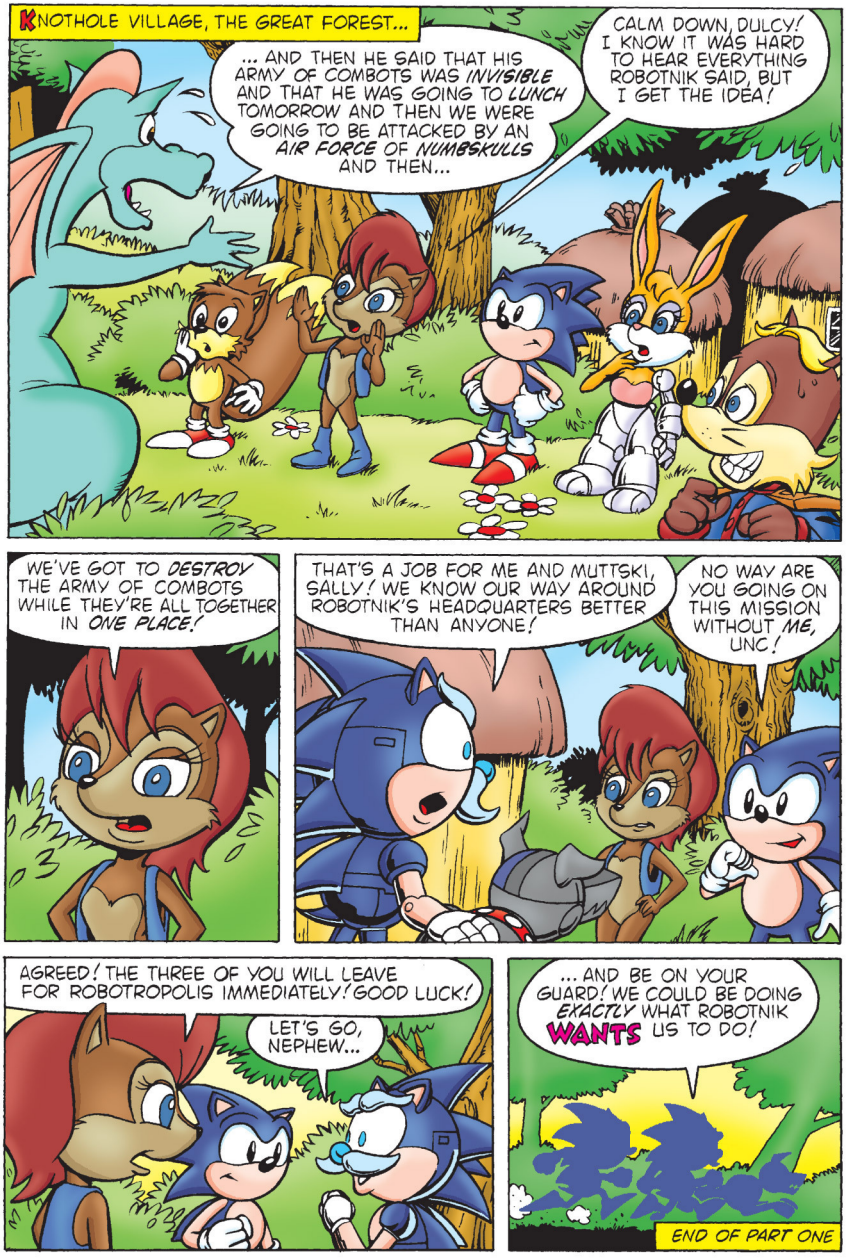

TOMORROW I WILL LAUNCH AN ALL-OUT ATTACK ON THE GREAT FOREST! WHEN THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS COME TO THE RESCUE...


...MY ARMY OF COMBOTS WILL OVERWHELM THEM BY SHEER FORCE OF NUMBERS! BUT IT MUST BE A SURPRISE ATTACK, SNIVELY...


...THAT'S WHY YOU MUST NOT BREATHE A WORD TO ANYONE OR ANYTHING...
THAT'S AN ORDER!
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, GENERAL...


...I'LL BE AS SILENT AS THE GARGOYLES OUTSIDE THIS BUILDING!
OH NO! THIS IS TERRIBLE!


I'VE GOT TO WARN THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS...IF I CAN REMEMBER WHAT ROBOTNIK SAID!


KNOTHOLE VILLAGE, THE GREAT FOREST...
... AND THEN HE SAID THAT HIS ARMY OF COMBOTS WAS *INVISIBLE* AND THAT HE WAS GOING TO *LUNCH* TOMORROW AND THEN WE WERE GOING TO BE ATTACKED BY AN *AIR FORCE* OF *NUMBSKULLS* AND THEN...
CALM DOWN, DULCY! I KNOW IT WAS HARD TO HEAR EVERYTHING ROBOTNIK SAID, BUT I GET THE IDEA!
WE'VE GOT TO *DESTROY* THE ARMY OF COMBOTS WHILE THEY'RE ALL TOGETHER IN *ONE PLACE!*
THAT'S A JOB FOR ME AND MUTTSKI, SALLY! WE KNOW OUR WAY AROUND ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS BETTER THAN ANYONE!
NO WAY ARE YOU GOING ON THIS MISSION WITHOUT *ME*, UNC!
AGREED! THE THREE OF YOU WILL LEAVE FOR ROBOTROPOLIS IMMEDIATELY! GOOD LUCK!
LET'S GO, NEPHEW...
... AND BE ON YOUR GUARD! WE COULD BE DOING *EXACTLY* WHAT ROBOTNIK **WANTS** US TO DO!
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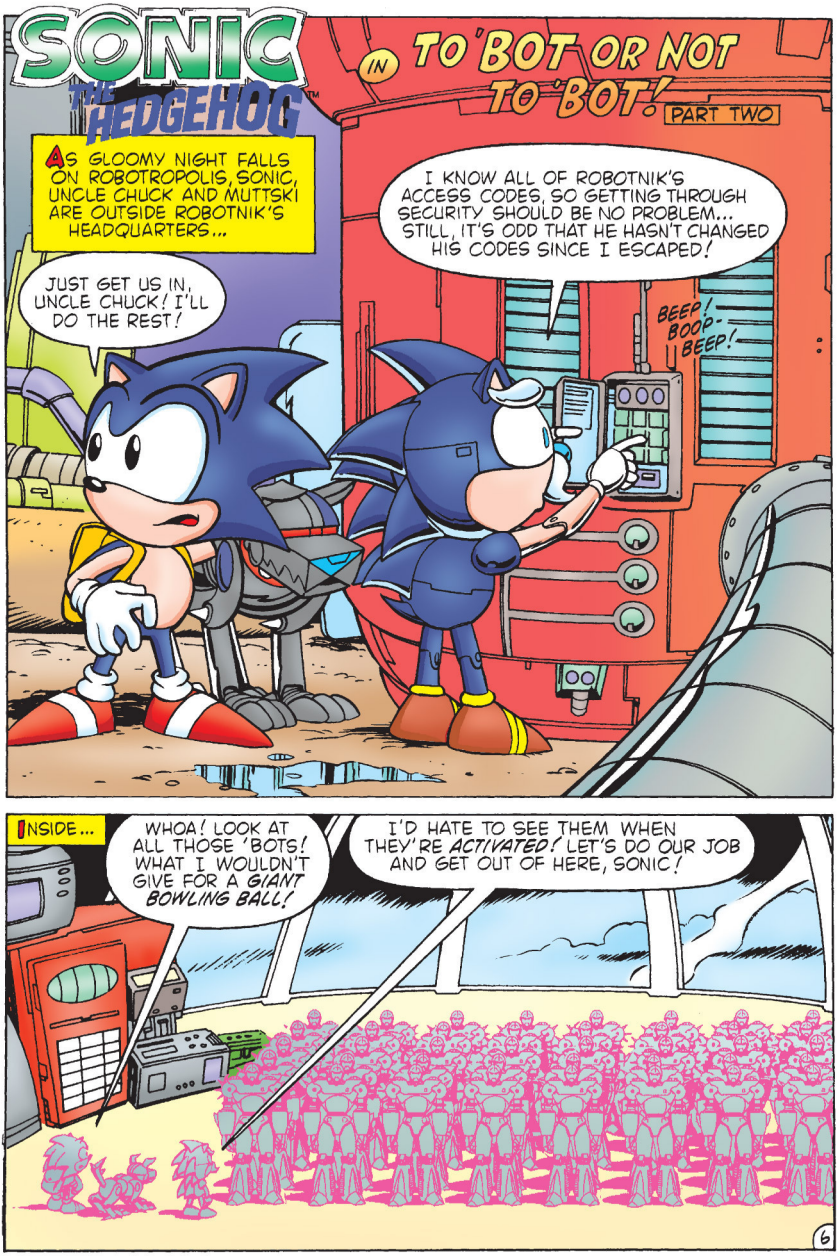
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IN TO 'BOT OR NOT TO 'BOT! PART TWO
AS GLOOMY NIGHT FALLS ON ROBOTROPOLIS, SONIC, UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI ARE OUTSIDE ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS...
JUST GET US IN, UNCLE CHUCK! I'LL DO THE REST!
I KNOW ALL OF ROBOTNIK'S ACCESS CODES, SO GETTING THROUGH SECURITY SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM... STILL, IT'S ODD THAT HE HASN'T CHANGED HIS CODES SINCE I ESCAPED!
BEEP! BOOP- BEEP!
INSIDE...
WHOA! LOOK AT ALL THOSE 'BOTS! WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE FOR A GIANT BOWLING BALL!
I'D HATE TO SEE THEM WHEN THEY'RE ACTIVATED! LET'S DO OUR JOB AND GET OUT OF HERE, SONIC!
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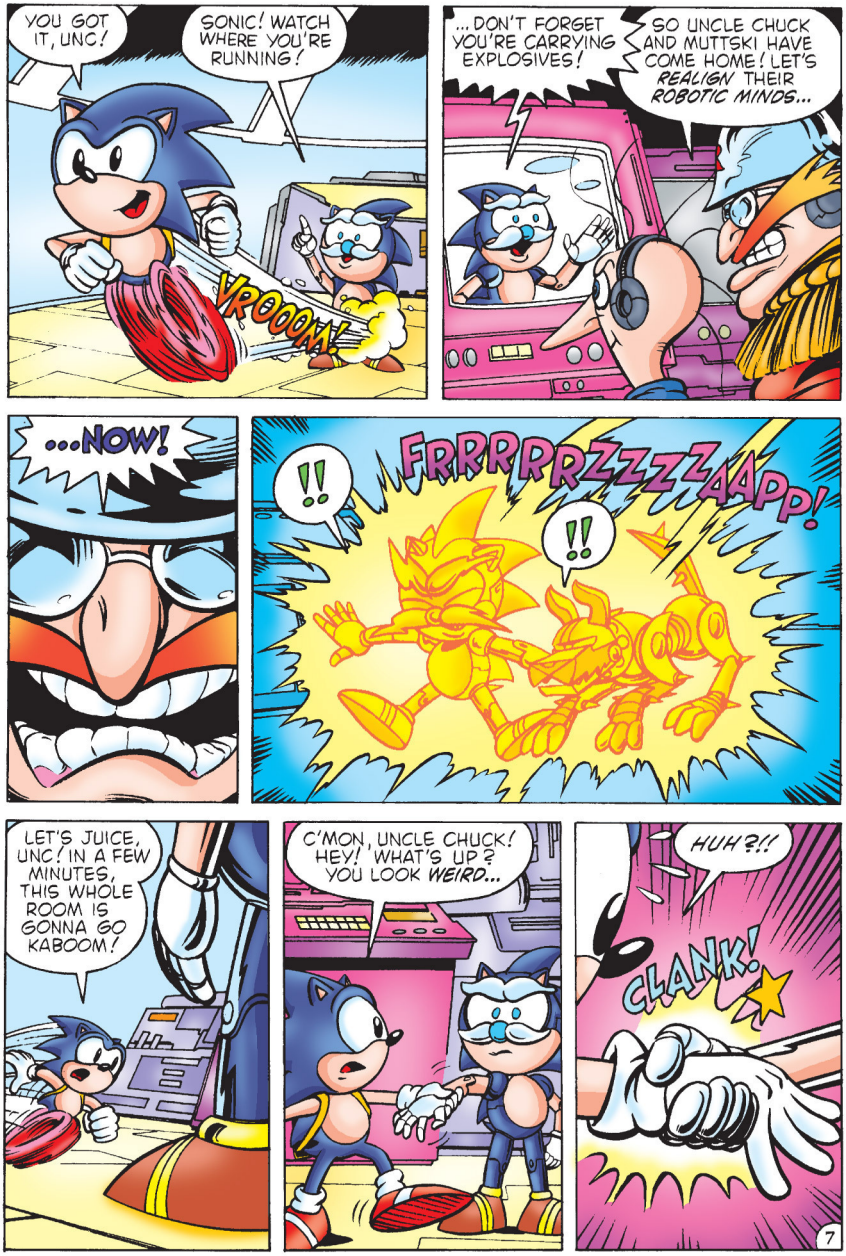
YOU GOT IT, UNC!
SONIC! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE RUNNING!
VROOOM!
...DON'T FORGET YOU'RE CARRYING EXPLOSIVES!
SO UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI HAVE COME HOME! LET'S REALIGN THEIR ROBOTIC MINDS...
...NOW!
!!
FRRRRRZZZZZAAPP!
!!
LET'S JUICE, UNC! IN A FEW MINUTES, THIS WHOLE ROOM IS GONNA GO KABOOM!
C'MON, UNCLE CHUCK! HEY! WHAT'S UP? YOU LOOK WEIRD...
HUH?!!
CLANK!
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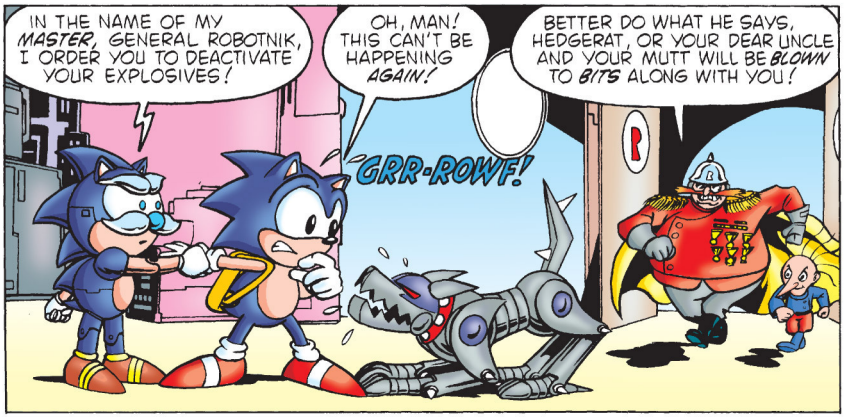
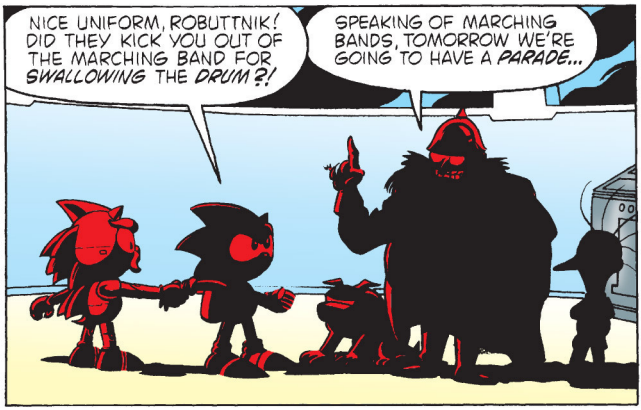
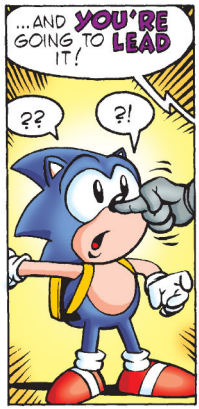

IN THE NAME OF MY MASTER, GENERAL ROBOTNIK, I ORDER YOU TO DEACTIVATE YOUR EXPLOSIVES!
OH, MAN! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING AGAIN!
GRR-ROWF!
BETTER DO WHAT HE SAYS, HEDGERAT, OR YOUR DEAR UNCLE AND YOUR MUTT WILL BE BLOWN TO BITS ALONG WITH YOU!


NICE UNIFORM, ROBUTTNIK! DID THEY KICK YOU OUT OF THE MARCHING BAND FOR SWALLOWING THE DRUM?!
SPEAKING OF MARCHING BANDS, TOMORROW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PARADE...


...AND YOU'RE GOING TO LEAD IT!
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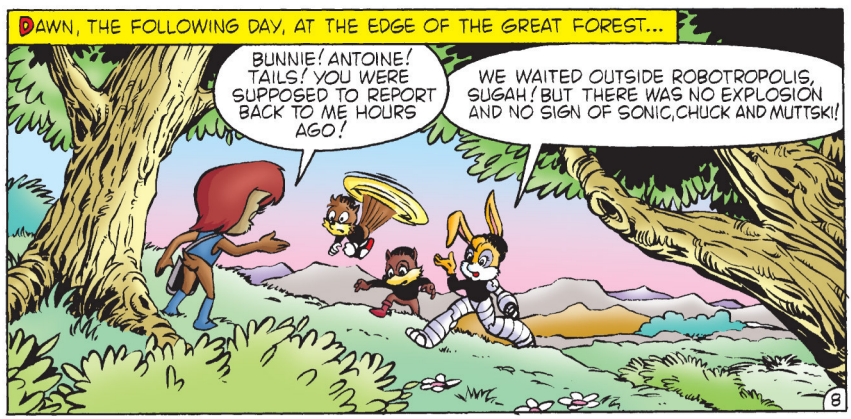
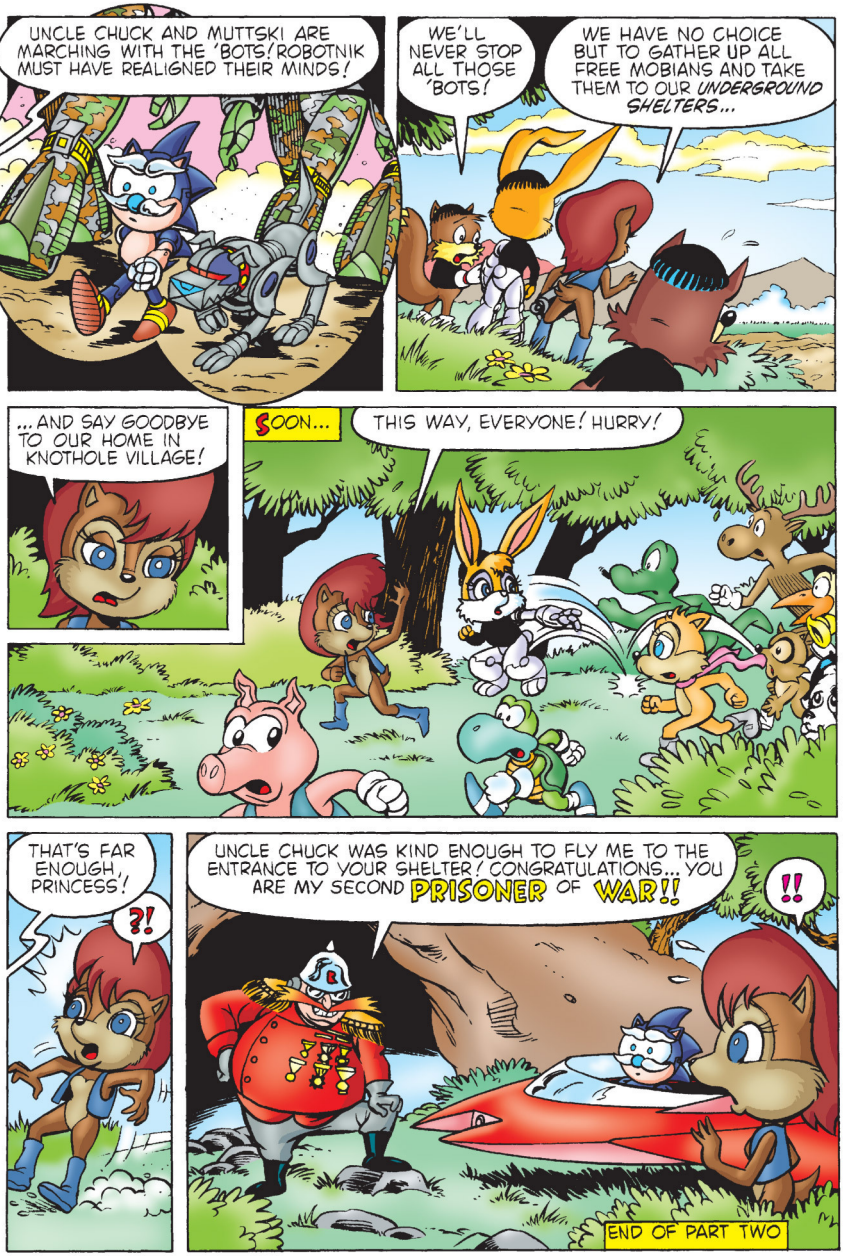

DAWN, THE FOLLOWING DAY, AT THE EDGE OF THE GREAT FOREST...
BUNNIE! ANTOINE! TAILS! YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO REPORT BACK TO ME HOURS AGO!
WE WAITED OUTSIDE ROBOTROPOLIS, SUGAH! BUT THERE WAS NO EXPLOSION AND NO SIGN OF SONIC, CHUCK AND MUTTSKI!

SOMETHING MUST HAVE GONE WRONG! PERHAPS THEY WERE CAPTURED!
I WAS ABOUT TO GO LOOK FOR ZEM, PRINCESS, BUT I HEARD ZE LOUD, MYSTERIOUS NOISE!
THAT WAS YOUR KNEES KNOCKING, ANTOINE!
WAIT! WHAT'S THAT IN THE DISTANCE?
?
?!
OH NO! ROBOTNIK'S ARMY IS ON THE MARCH ...AND THEY'VE TAKEN SONIC PRISONER!
I HOPE FOR YOUR SAKE YOUR FRIENDS DON'T ATTACK US, HEDGEHOG!


UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI ARE MARCHING WITH THE 'BOTS! ROBOTNIK MUST HAVE REALIGNED THEIR MINDS!
WE'LL NEVER STOP ALL THOSE 'BOTS!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GATHER UP ALL FREE MOBIANS AND TAKE THEM TO OUR UNDERGROUND SHELTERS...
...AND SAY GOODBYE TO OUR HOME IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!
SOON...
THIS WAY, EVERYONE! HURRY!
THAT'S FAR ENOUGH, PRINCESS!
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UNCLE CHUCK WAS KIND ENOUGH TO FLY ME TO THE ENTRANCE TO YOUR SHELTER! CONGRATULATIONS... YOU ARE MY SECOND PRISONER OF WAR!!
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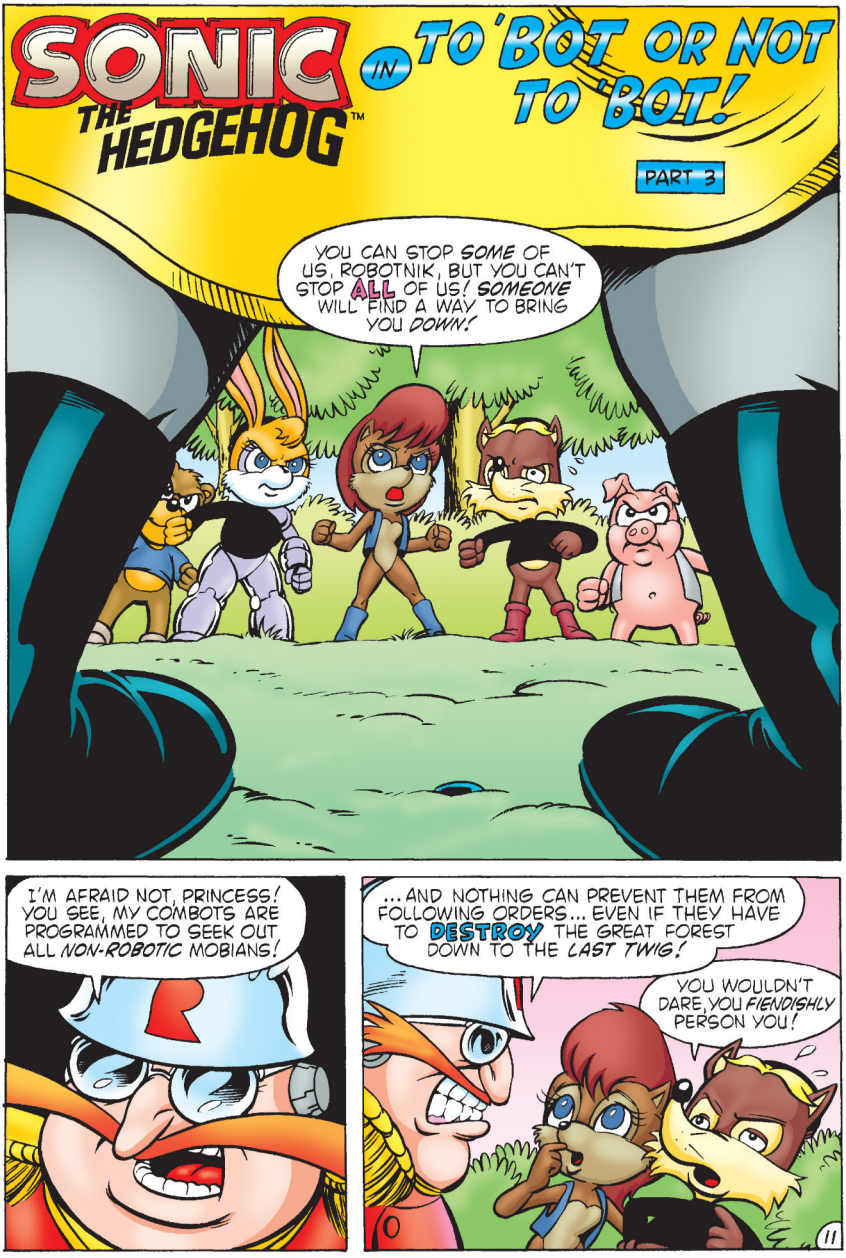
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PART 3
YOU CAN STOP SOME OF US, ROBOTNIK, BUT YOU CAN'T STOP ALL OF US! SOMEONE WILL FIND A WAY TO BRING YOU DOWN!
I'M AFRAID NOT, PRINCESS! YOU SEE, MY COMBOTS ARE PROGRAMMED TO SEEK OUT ALL NON-ROBOTIC MOBIANS!
...AND NOTHING CAN PREVENT THEM FROM FOLLOWING ORDERS... EVEN IF THEY HAVE TO DESTROY THE GREAT FOREST DOWN TO THE LAST TWIG!
YOU WOULDN'T DARE, YOU FIENDISHLY PERSON YOU!
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OH, WOULDN'T I? COMBOTS! I, YOUR IMPERIAL LEADER, COMMAND YOU TO REMOVE ALL MOBIANS FROM THE GREAT FOREST... EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO DESTROY IT!
WHEN THEY'RE DONE MARCHING THROUGH YOUR GREAT FOREST, YOU'LL HAVE TO CHANGE ITS NAME TO THE LATE FOREST! HAWHAW!
UH... PERHAPS NOT, DOCTOR ...ER, SIR... UH, I MEAN GENERAL!
BE QUIET, SNIVELY! CAN'T YOU SEE I'M... I'M... I'M...
NO! YOU'RE MARCHING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION! THE FOREST IS THIS WAY!
STOMP!
STOMP!
STOMP!
STOMP!
STOMP!
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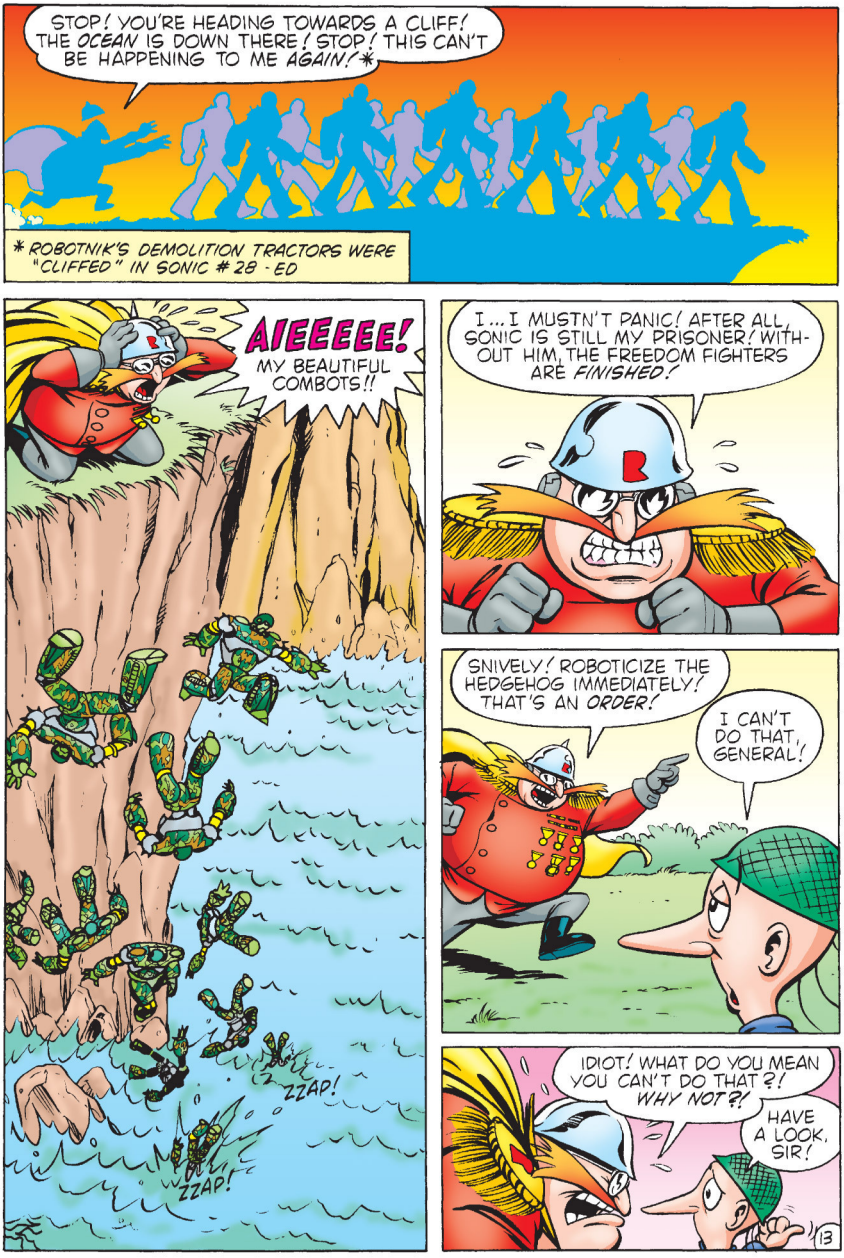
STOP! YOU'RE HEADING TOWARDS A CLIFF! THE OCEAN IS DOWN THERE! STOP! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING TO ME AGAIN!*
* ROBOTNIK'S DEMOLITION TRACTORS WERE "CLIFFED" IN SONIC # 28 - ED
AIEEEEE! MY BEAUTIFUL COMBOTS!!
ZZAP!
ZZAP!
I... I MUSTN'T PANIC! AFTER ALL, SONIC IS STILL MY PRISONER! WITHOUT HIM, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE FINISHED!
SNIVELY! ROBOTICIZE THE HEDGEHOG IMMEDIATELY! THAT'S AN ORDER!
I CAN'T DO THAT, GENERAL!
IDIOT! WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU CAN'T DO THAT?! WHY NOT?!
HAVE A LOOK, SIR!
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WHAT?!! HOW DID YOU GET FREE?
I WAS BORN FREE, RO-BUTT-NIK!
AND NOW I'M FREE TO ROBOTICIZE YOU!
WAIT! YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE ME A ROBOT!
I'M ALREADY COLD-HEARTED!
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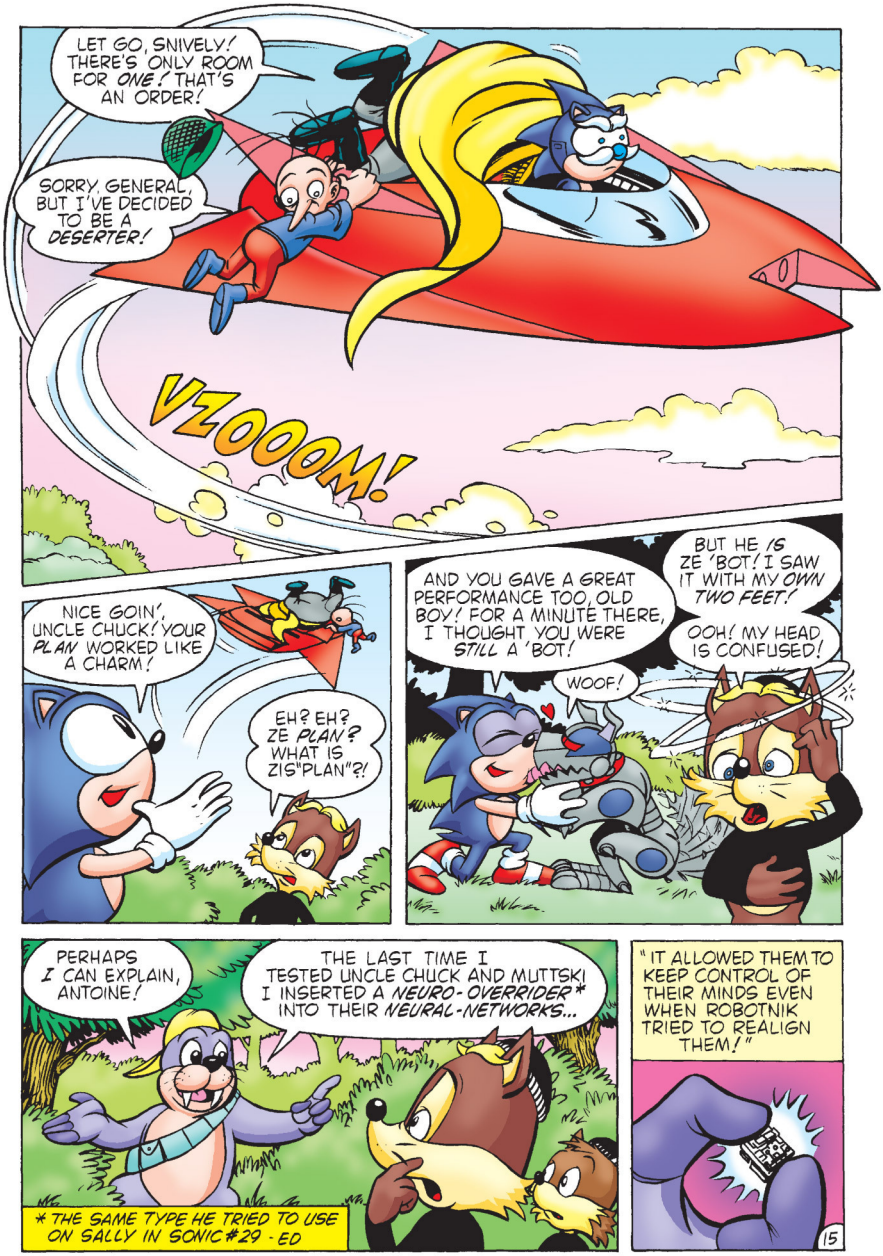
HEY!
GRRROWF!
NO, MUTTSKI! NO!
GRRRR!
A HOVERCRAFT! NOW I CAN ESCAPE!


LET GO, SNIVELY! THERE'S ONLY ROOM FOR ONE! THAT'S AN ORDER!
SORRY, GENERAL, BUT I'VE DECIDED TO BE A DESERTER!
VZOOOM!
NICE GOIN', UNCLE CHUCK! YOUR PLAN WORKED LIKE A CHARM!
EH? EH? ZE PLAN? WHAT IS ZIS"PLAN"?!
AND YOU GAVE A GREAT PERFORMANCE TOO, OLD BOY! FOR A MINUTE THERE, I THOUGHT YOU WERE STILL A 'BOT!
BUT HE IS ZE 'BOT! I SAW IT WITH MY OWN TWO FEET!
OOH! MY HEAD IS CONFUSED!
WOOF!
PERHAPS I CAN EXPLAIN, ANTOINE!
THE LAST TIME I TESTED UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI I INSERTED A NEURO-OVERRIDER* INTO THEIR NEURAL-NETWORKS...
* THE SAME TYPE HE TRIED TO USE ON SALLY IN SONIC #29 - ED
"IT ALLOWED THEM TO KEEP CONTROL OF THEIR MINDS EVEN WHEN ROBOTNIK TRIED TO REALIGN THEM!"
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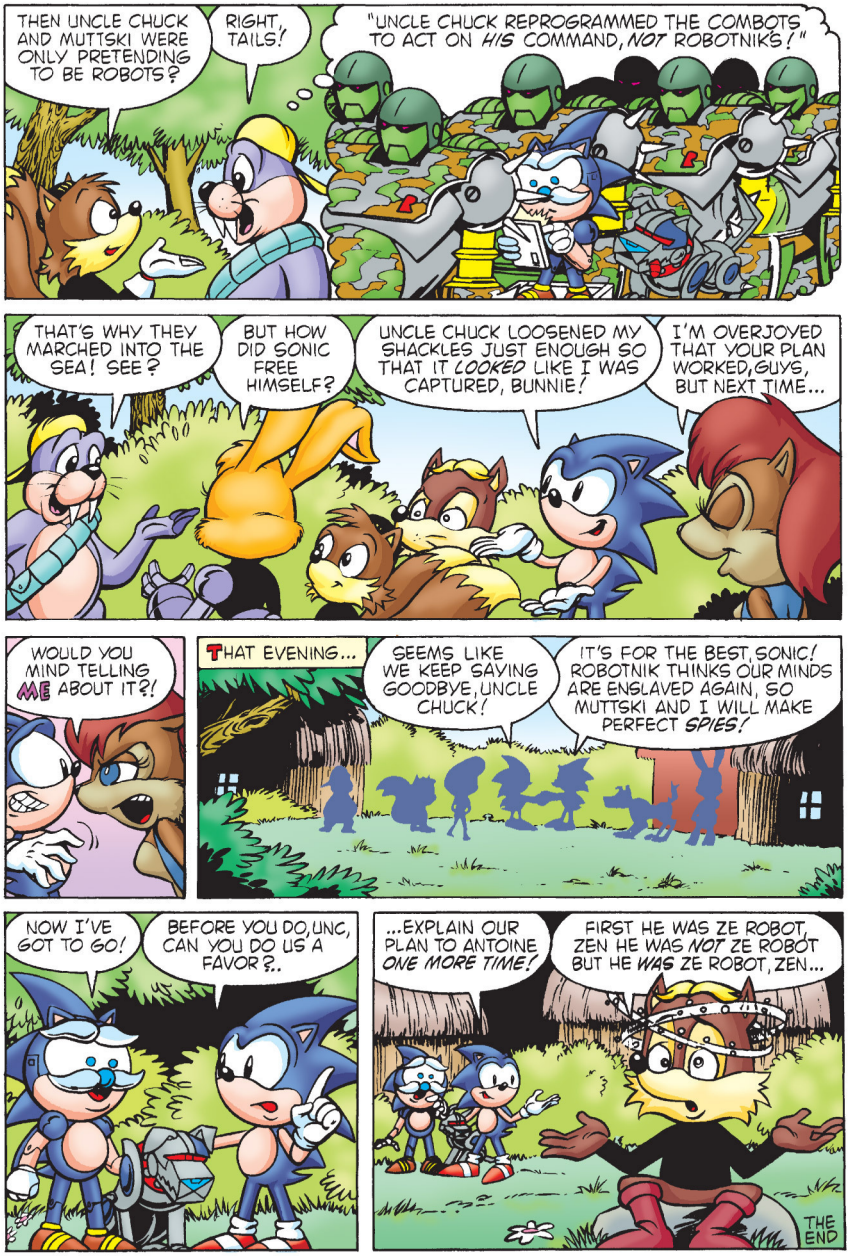
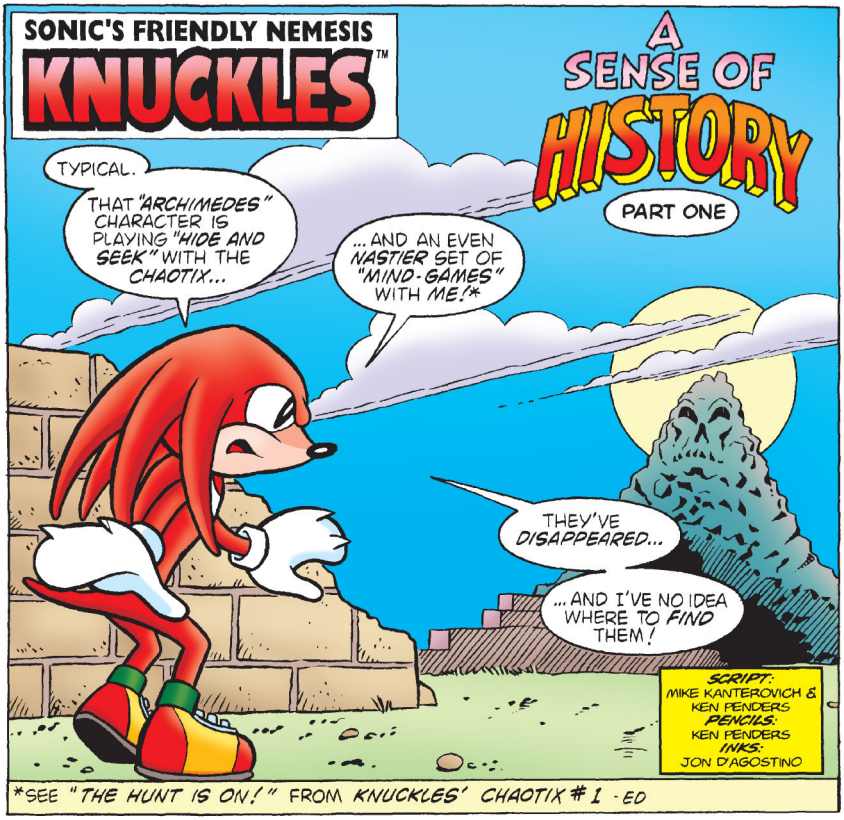

THEN UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI WERE ONLY PRETENDING TO BE ROBOTS?
RIGHT, TAILS!
"UNCLE CHUCK REPROGRAMMED THE COMBOTS TO ACT ON *HIS* COMMAND, *NOT* ROBOTNIK'S!"
THAT'S WHY THEY MARCHED INTO THE SEA! SEE?
BUT HOW DID SONIC FREE HIMSELF?
UNCLE CHUCK LOOSENED MY SHACKLES JUST ENOUGH SO THAT IT *LOOKED* LIKE I WAS CAPTURED, BUNNIE!
I'M OVERJOYED THAT YOUR PLAN WORKED, GUYS, BUT NEXT TIME...
WOULD YOU MIND TELLING ME ABOUT IT?!
THAT EVENING...
SEEMS LIKE WE KEEP SAYING GOODBYE, UNCLE CHUCK!
IT'S FOR THE BEST, SONIC! ROBOTNIK THINKS OUR MINDS ARE ENSLAVED AGAIN, SO MUTTSKI AND I WILL MAKE PERFECT *SPIES!*
NOW I'VE GOT TO GO!
BEFORE YOU DO, UNC, CAN YOU DO US A FAVOR?..
...EXPLAIN OUR PLAN TO ANTOINE *ONE MORE TIME!*
FIRST HE WAS ZE ROBOT, ZEN HE WAS *NOT* ZE ROBOT BUT HE *WAS* ZE ROBOT, ZEN...
THE END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TYPICAL.
THAT "ARCHIMEDES" CHARACTER IS PLAYING "HIDE AND SEEK" WITH THE CHAOTIX...
...AND AN EVEN NASTIER SET OF "MIND-GAMES" WITH ME!*
THEY'VE DISAPPEARED...
...AND I'VE NO IDEA WHERE TO FIND THEM!
SCRIPT: MIKE KANTEROVICH & KEN PENDERS
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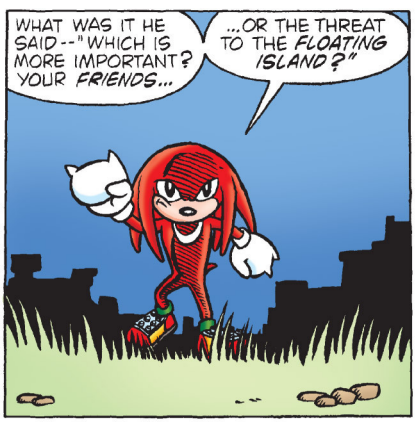
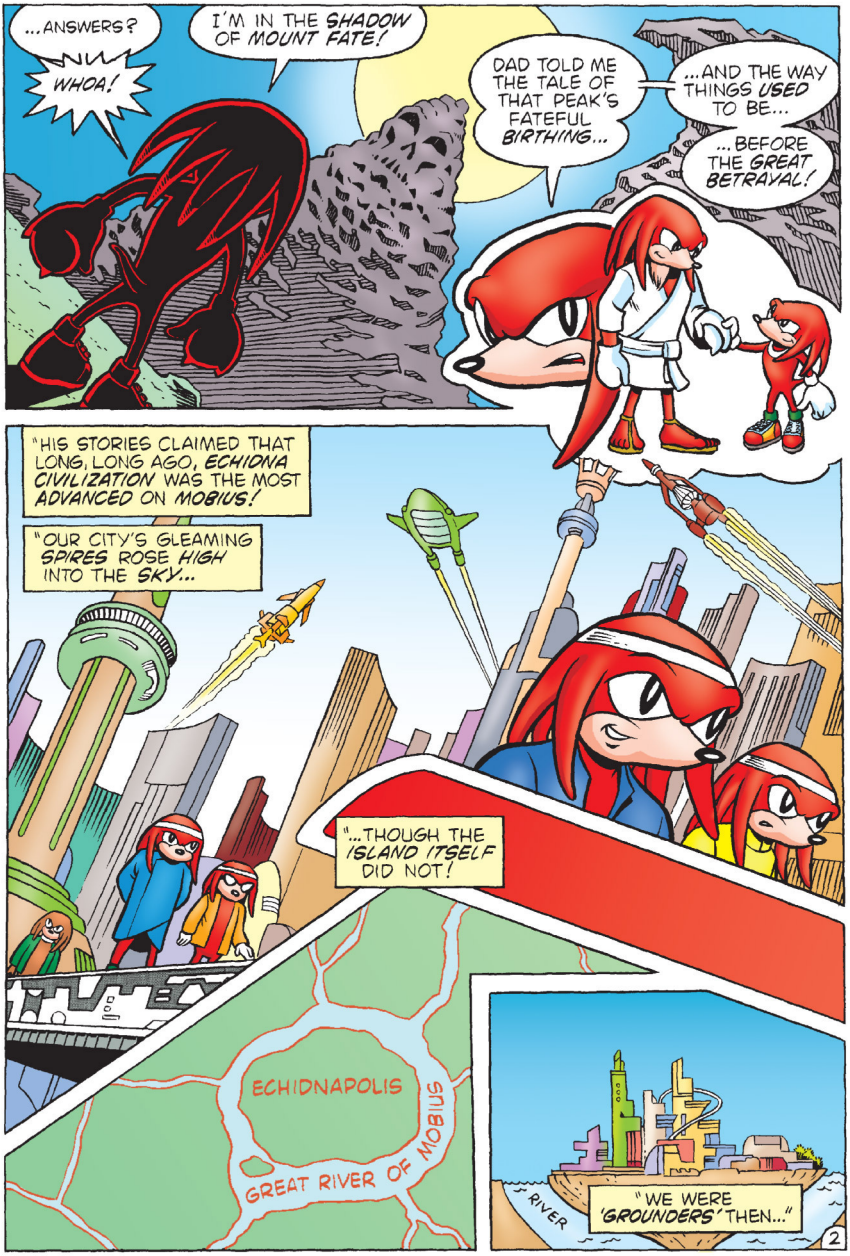

WHAT WAS IT HE SAID--"WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT? YOUR FRIENDS...
...OR THE THREAT TO THE FLOATING ISLAND?"

GOOD QUESTION.
WISH I HAD A FEW...
EASY...


...ANSWERS?
WHOA!
I'M IN THE SHADOW OF MOUNT FATE!
DAD TOLD ME THE TALE OF THAT PEAK'S FATEFUL BIRTHING...
...AND THE WAY THINGS USED TO BE...
...BEFORE THE GREAT BETRAYAL!
"HIS STORIES CLAIMED THAT LONG, LONG AGO, ECHIDNA CIVILIZATION WAS THE MOST ADVANCED ON MOBIUS!
"OUR CITY'S GLEAMING SPIRES ROSE HIGH INTO THE SKY...
"...THOUGH THE ISLAND ITSELF DID NOT!
ECHIDNAPOLIS
GREAT RIVER OF MOBIUS
RIVER
"WE WERE 'GROUNDERS' THEN..."
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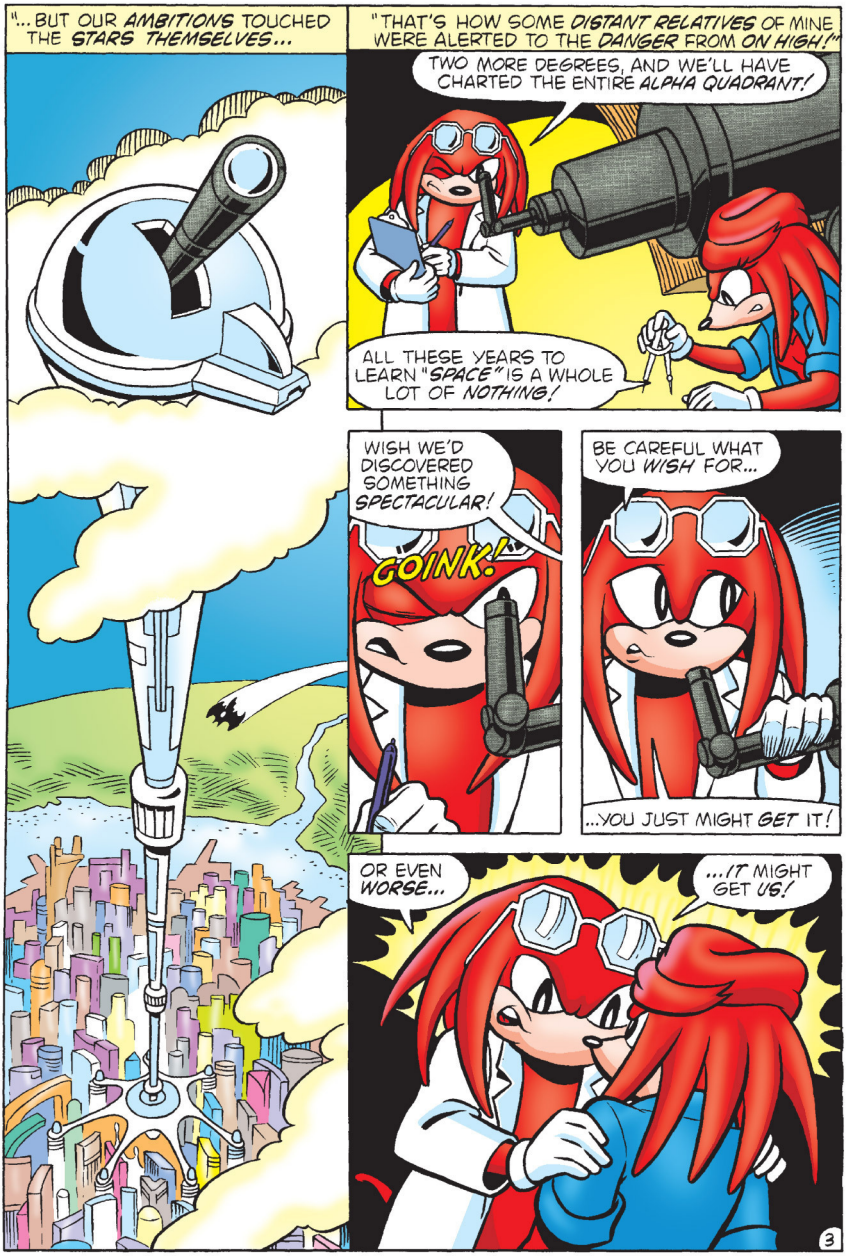
"...BUT OUR AMBITIONS TOUCHED THE STARS THEMSELVES...
"THAT'S HOW SOME DISTANT RELATIVES OF MINE WERE ALERTED TO THE DANGER FROM ON HIGH!"
TWO MORE DEGREES, AND WE'LL HAVE CHARTED THE ENTIRE ALPHA QUADRANT!
ALL THESE YEARS TO LEARN "SPACE" IS A WHOLE LOT OF NOTHING!
WISH WE'D DISCOVERED SOMETHING SPECTACULAR!
GOINK!
BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR...
...YOU JUST MIGHT GET IT!
OR EVEN WORSE...
...IT MIGHT GET US!
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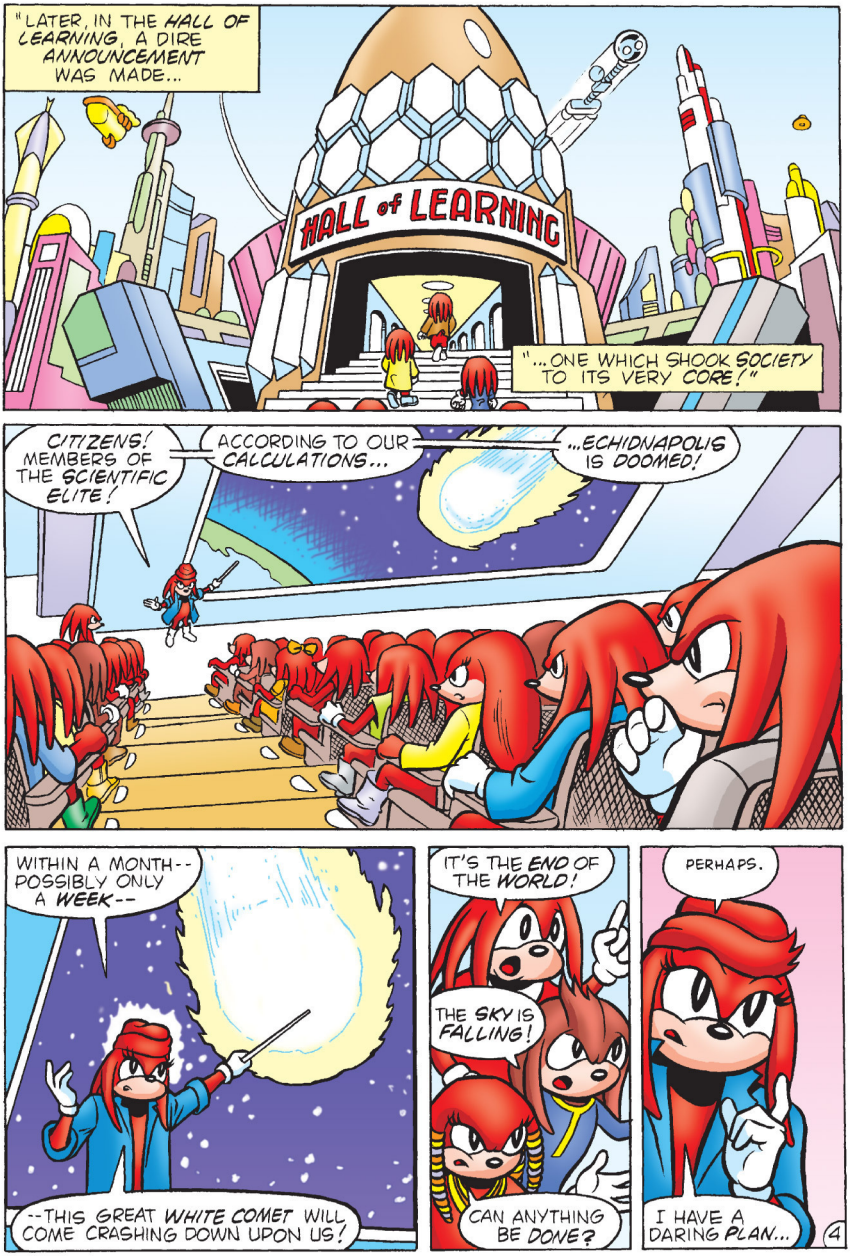
"LATER, IN THE HALL OF LEARNING, A DIRE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE...
HALL of LEARNING
"...ONE WHICH SHOOK SOCIETY TO ITS VERY CORE!"
CITIZENS! MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC ELITE!
ACCORDING TO OUR CALCULATIONS...
...ECHIDNAPOLIS IS DOOMED!
WITHIN A MONTH-- POSSIBLY ONLY A WEEK--
--THIS GREAT WHITE COMET WILL COME CRASHING DOWN UPON US!
IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD!
THE SKY IS FALLING!
CAN ANYTHING BE DONE?
PERHAPS.
I HAVE A DARING PLAN...
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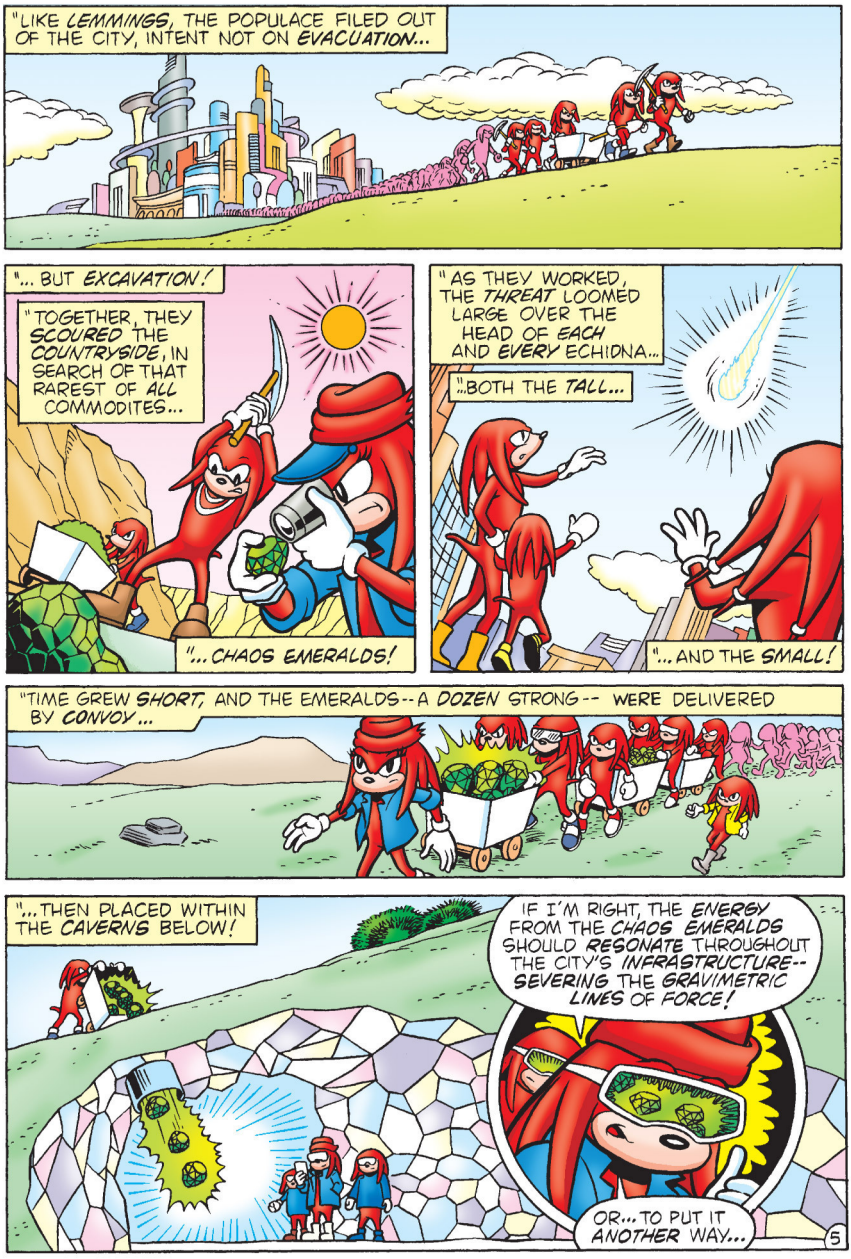
"LIKE LEMMINGS, THE POPULACE FILED OUT OF THE CITY, INTENT NOT ON EVACUATION...
"... BUT EXCAVATION!
"TOGETHER, THEY SCOURED THE COUNTRYSIDE, IN SEARCH OF THAT RAREST OF ALL COMMODITES...
"... CHAOS EMERALDS!
"AS THEY WORKED, THE THREAT LOOMED LARGE OVER THE HEAD OF EACH AND EVERY ECHIDNA...
"..BOTH THE TALL...
"... AND THE SMALL!
"TIME GREW SHORT, AND THE EMERALDS--A DOZEN STRONG-- WERE DELIVERED BY CONVOY...
"...THEN PLACED WITHIN THE CAVERNS BELOW!
IF I'M RIGHT, THE ENERGY FROM THE CHAOS EMERALDS SHOULD RESONATE THROUGHOUT THE CITY'S INFRASTRUCTURE-- SEVERING THE GRAVIMETRIC LINES OF FORCE!
OR... TO PUT IT ANOTHER WAY...
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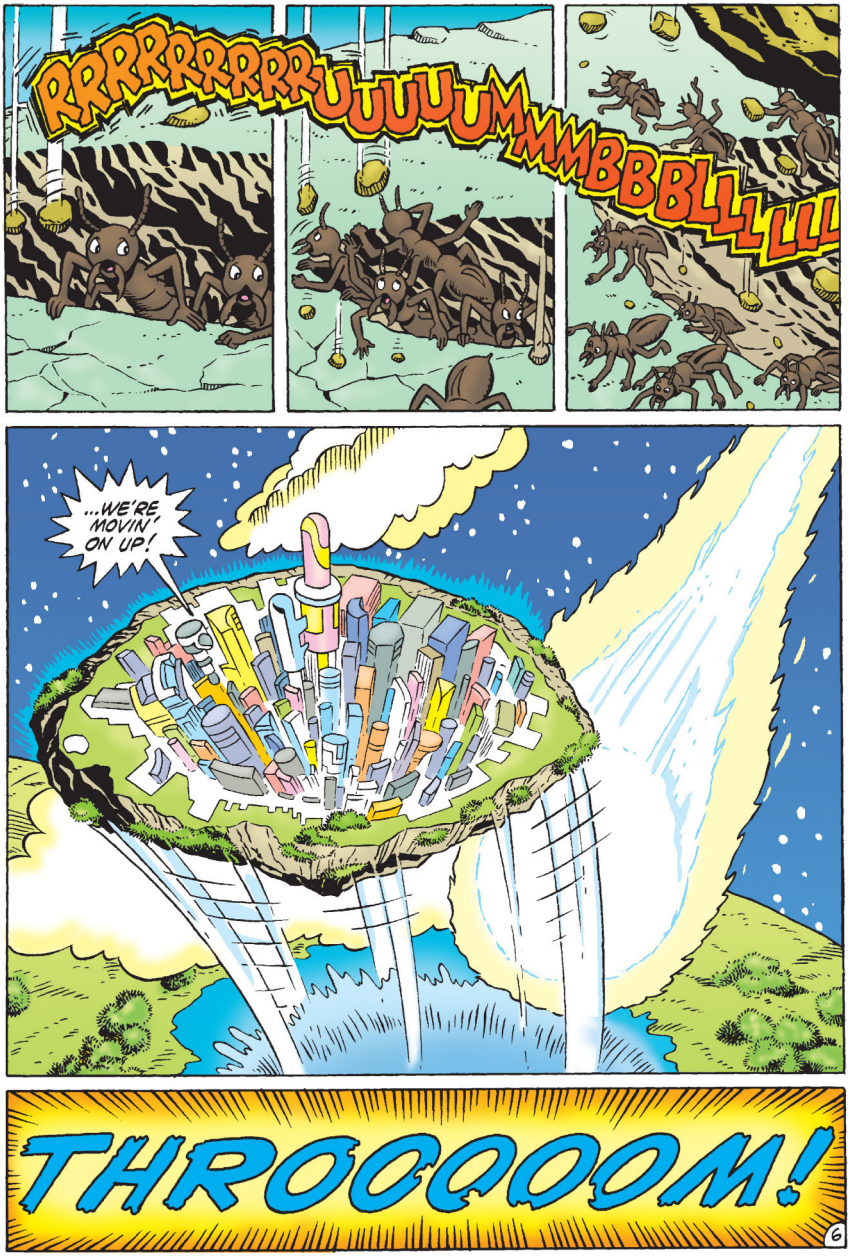
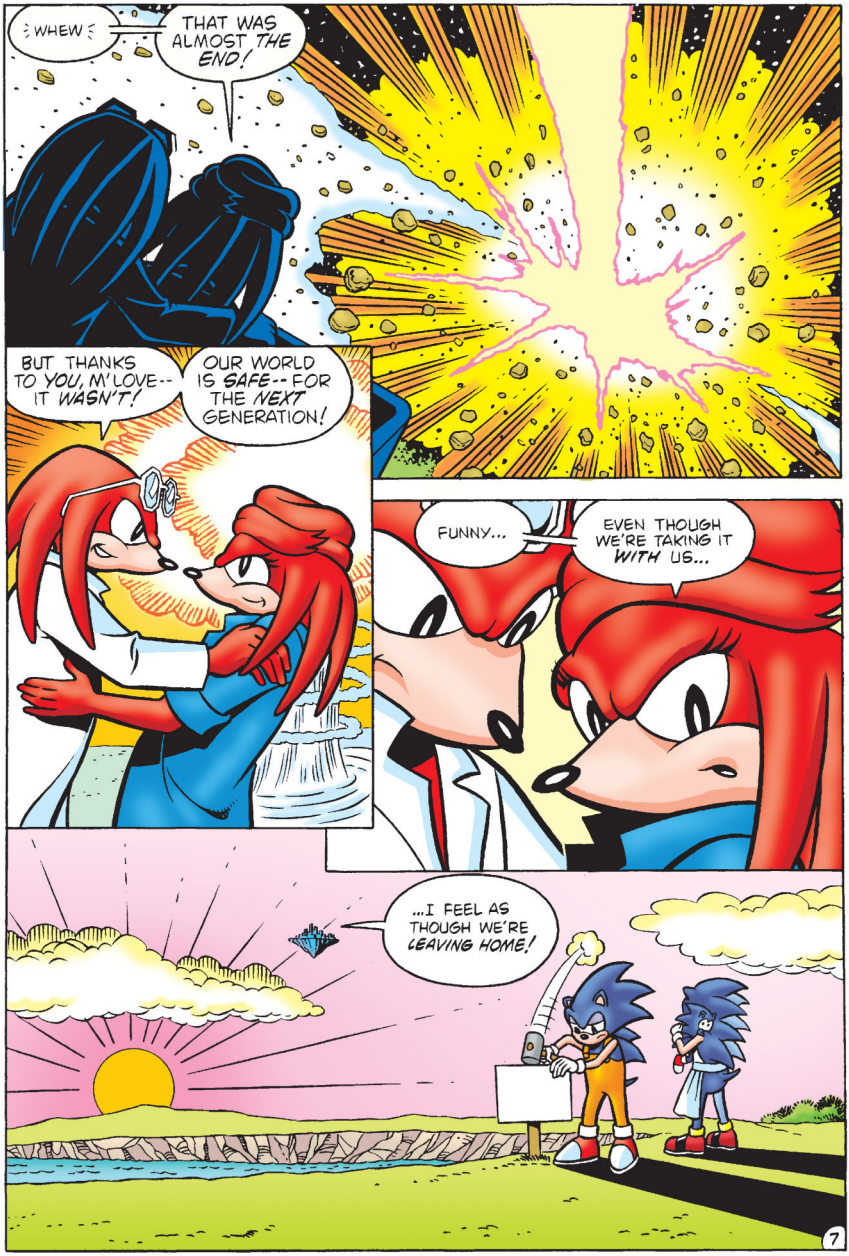
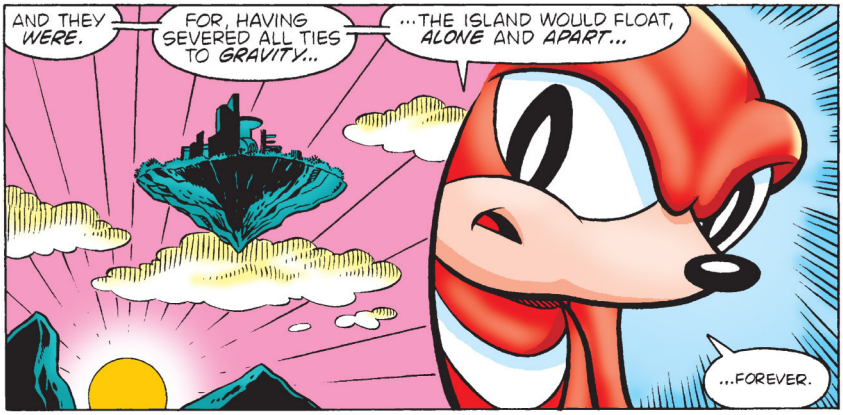
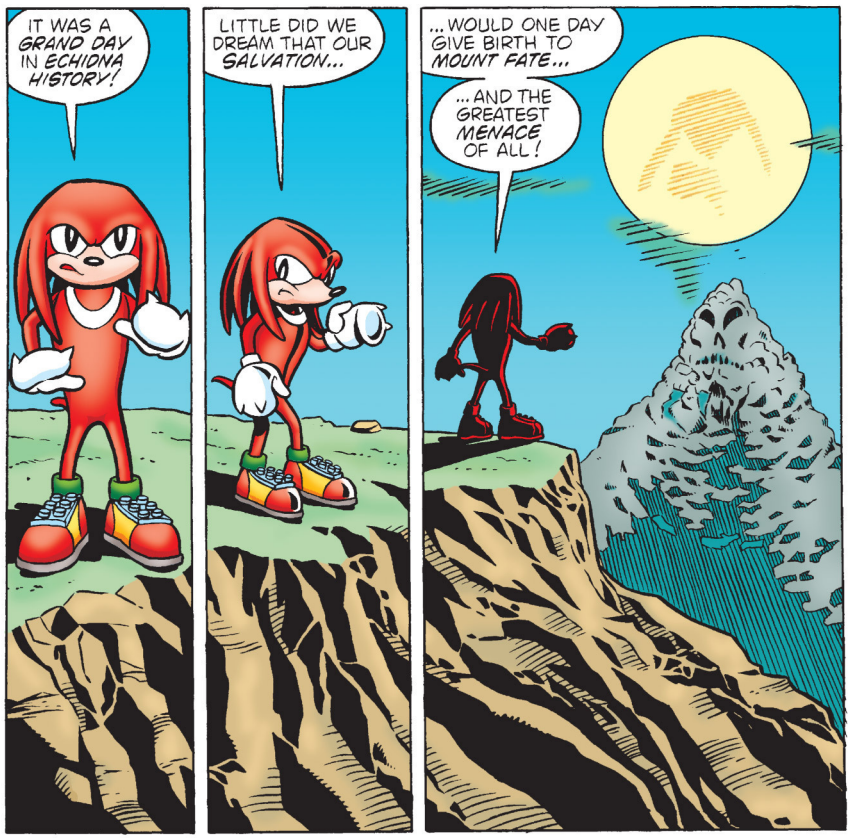

RRRRRRRRRRUUUUUMMMMBBBLLLLLL
...WE'RE MOVIN' ON UP!
THROOOOOM!


WHEW
THAT WAS ALMOST THE END!
BUT THANKS TO YOU, M'LOVE-- IT WASN'T!
OUR WORLD IS SAFE-- FOR THE NEXT GENERATION!
FUNNY...
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE TAKING IT WITH US...
...I FEEL AS THOUGH WE'RE LEAVING HOME!


AND THEY WERE.
FOR, HAVING SEVERED ALL TIES TO GRAVITY...
...THE ISLAND WOULD FLOAT, ALONE AND APART...
...FOREVER.


IT WAS A GRAND DAY IN ECHIONA HISTORY!
LITTLE DID WE DREAM THAT OUR SALVATION...
...WOULD ONE DAY GIVE BIRTH TO MOUNT FATE...
...AND THE GREATEST MENACE OF ALL!